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Chief of Staff of the Secretary-General, OECD

Mr. Rolf Alter is presently Chief of Staff of the Secretary-General, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), in Paris. Formerly, he was Deputy Director for Public Governance and Territorial Development.

Mr. Alter, a German national, joined the OECD in 1991 as a senior economist and served in various capacities.

Prior to the OECD, Mr. Alter was an economist in the Research Department of the International Monetary Fund, in Washington D.C. and moved later to the Fund's African Department.

Mr. Alter holds a doctorate degree from the University of Goettingen/Germany, following post-graduate work in Germany and the US.

Marcos Azambuja

Executive Board Member, Centro Brasileiro de Relacoes Internacionais

Mr. Azambuja is the Former Secretary-General of Ministry of Foreign Relations, and the former Brazilian Ambassador to Argentina and to France. He was the Head of the Brazilian Delegation to the Conference of Disarmament and the Human Rights Commission. He is currently a member of the Executive Board of the Brazilian Center of International Relations (CEBRI), a member of the Brazilian Institute of Geography and History (IHGB), President of the Brazil-France Cultural Foundation, Commissioner of the Weapons of Mass Destruction Commission (WMDC) and Member of the Tokyo Forum. He sits on the editorial board of the quarterly *Politica Externa* and is a Member of the Roberto Marinho Foundation. He is also on the board of several international companies active in Brazil and in the Mercosul. Azambuja studied at the Law School of the University of Rio de Janeiro and graduated from the Brazilian Diplomatic Academy. He is married with two children.

Jessica Byron

Senior Lecturer, University of the West Indies

Dr. Jessica Byron studied at the UWI Cave Hill and St. Augustine campuses before doing her Ph.D. in International Relations at the Institut Universitaire de Hautes Études Internationales, University of Geneva, Switzerland. Before coming to the Department of Government in 1994, she had lectured in The Hague and in Geneva, and had worked as a Foreign Service Officer for the Government of St. Kitts and Nevis, and for the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States. Her research interests and publications are in the areas of Caribbean - European relations, Caribbean - Latin American relations, Small States in the Multilateral System and Gender and International Relations.

Barry Carin

Associate Director, Centre for Global Studies, University of Victoria

Dr. Barry Carin was High Commissioner of Canada to Singapore between 1996 and 2000. Prior to that he was Assistant Deputy Minister Trade and Economic Policy with Canada's Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade where his responsibilities included Foreign Affairs

Sous-Sherpa for four G7 Summits and leader of the branch responsible for the conduct of international trade and investments negotiations, including disputes settlement. He was also the Canadian representative on the Executive Committee of the OECD. Barry Carin holds a Ph.D in Economics from Brown University and an Honours B.A. in Political Science and Economics from McGill University.

Berenice Díaz Ceballos

Chief of Staff to the Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, Government of Mexico

Berenice Díaz Ceballos received her Bachelor's Degree in International Relations from Universidad Iberoamericana A.C., obtaining honorary mention in her thesis entitled "Human Rights Conference: The treatment of the subject in the New International Context", winner of the First Contest for the best thesis of Human Rights 1995, summoned by the National Commission of Human Rights.

In the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico, she has worked for the General Direction of the System of the United Nations as an analyst, as chief of the Human Rights Department, as Assistant Director for Human Rights and Social Affairs and as Director for Political, Social and Humanitarian Affairs.

She also worked as Deputy General Director for Global Affairs, area responsible of coordinating Mexican international policy on gender equality, human rights of persons with disabilities, environment and natural resources, sustainable development, drugs control, the fight against corruption and crime prevention issues.

She is currently enrolled as Chief of Staff to the Vice Ministry of Foreign Affairs, which has the responsibility of overseeing Mexico's bilateral relations with countries in Africa, the Asia-Pacific region, the Middle East and Europe.

In 2007, she was designated as Mexican Sous-sherpa for the outreach dialogue with the Group of Eight.

She has participated in many events, international conferences and formal and informal groups as a member of the Mexican delegation, of which the ones that stand out are the United Nations Human Rights Commission 1994, 1998 and 1999; the United Nations General Assembly in 1995, 1996, 1998 and 1999, in the Preparatory Committee of the World Conference on Racism, Racial Discrimination and Other Forms of Intolerance and in the Ad Hoc Committee responsible of the negotiation of a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention for Persons with Disabilities.

She has been a Career Diplomat since 1998.

John English

Executive Director, CIGI

John English is the Executive Director of the Centre for International Governance Innovation in Waterloo, Canada. He is also Professor of History and Political Science at the University of Waterloo. He has served as the president of the Canadian Institute of International Affairs and the Chair of the Canadian Museum of Civilization and the Canadian War Museum. He was a Canadian Member of Parliament and, in that capacity, was chair of the House of Commons Subcommittee on Sustainable Human Development and vice-chair of the Committee of Foreign Affairs and International Trade. He is the author of several books, notably biographies of Canadian Prime Ministers Pearson and Trudeau, and is currently co-editor of the Dictionary of

Canadian Biography. He is an elected fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and a Member of the Order of Canada.

Laurie Garrett

Senior Fellow for Global Health, Council on Foreign Relations

Laurie Garrett is currently the Senior Fellow for Global Health at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York. Garrett is the only writer ever to have been awarded all three of the Big "Ps" of journalism: The Peabody, The Polk and The Pulitzer. Garrett is also the best-selling author of *The Coming Plague: Newly Emerging Diseases in a World Out of Balance* and *Betrayal of Trust: The Collapse of Global Public Health*. During her time as Senior Fellow for Global Health at the Council on Foreign Relations, Garrett has written several reports and articles including: [HIV and National Security: Where are the Links?](#), A Council Report (Council on Foreign Relations Press, 2005); 'The Next Pandemic?' (*Foreign Affairs*, [July/August 2005](#)); 'The Lessons of HIV/AIDS' (*Foreign Affairs*, [July/August 2005](#)); and 'The Challenge of Global Health' (*Foreign Affairs*, [January/February 2007](#)). Garrett is a member of the National Association of Science Writers, and served as the organization's President during the mid-1990s. She currently serves on the advisory board for the Noguchi Prize, François-Xavier Bagnoud (FXB) Center for Health and Human Rights, and the Health Worker Global Policy Advisory Group. She is an expert on global health with a particular focus on newly emerging and re-emerging diseases; public health and their effects on foreign policy and national security.

Denise Gregory

Executive Director, CEBRI

Denise Gregory is the Executive-Director of the Brazilian Center for International Relations – CEBRI. She holds an MBA from the Union College, New York, an MA in International Relations with concentration in International Economics and Latin America, from The Johns Hopkins University - School of Advanced International Studies, Washington, D.C., and a BA in International Relations from the University of Brasilia. She worked as Institutional Relations Director at Investe Brasil, the official Brazilian Agency for investment promotion; as chief of staff to the President of the Brazilian Development Bank – BNDES; as special assistant to the executive secretariat of the Foreign Trade Chamber – CAMEX, as director and general coordinator of international relations at the Foreign Trade Secretariat – SECEX/MDIC, and as analyst at the Ministry of Mines and Energy and at SIDERBRAS, the Brazilian steel holding company.

Martin Lees

Secretary General, Club of Rome

Born in 1941, Martin Lees is a graduate in Mechanical Sciences from Cambridge University with a post-graduate Diploma in European Studies from the College of Europe in Bruges, Belgium. After some years as a manager in industry, he joined OECD where he managed programmes on Cooperation in Science and Technology and on Innovation in the Procedures and Structures of Government. In 1972, he was responsible for the design and launching of the "InterFutures Project" on the Future of the Advanced Industrial Societies in Harmony with that of the Developing Countries. He then served at the United Nations in several capacities, including Executive Director of the Financing System for Science and Technology for Development. In 1982, he was appointed Assistant Secretary General. During this period he was

responsible for the establishment of the InterAction Council of former Heads of State and Government becoming its Executive Director. He has also been responsible, since 1983, for several high level programmes of International Cooperation with China, including an advisory programme for the leadership, "China and the World in the Nineties" from 1988 to 1998 and the establishment of the China Council for International Cooperation on Environment and Development of which he was a member for 15 years. He is now a Senior Adviser to the Chinese Government on Climate Change and other issues. From 1991-1996 he developed and implemented programmes of cooperation with the Newly Independent States of the Former Soviet Union as Director General of the International Committee for Economic Reform and Cooperation. Since 1995, he has been Moderator of the International Advisory Board of the Toyota Motor Corporation. From January 2001 to April 2005 he was Rector of the University for Peace of the United Nations in Costa Rica, guiding its revitalization and launching eight Masters programmes on issues of peace, security and sustainable development. He was elected to the post of Secretary General of the Club of Rome in September 2007 with effect from January 2008.

Maurizio Massari

Minister Plenipotentiary, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

A career diplomat in the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Maurizio Massari was most recently the Head of Western Balkans Department, a position he took up in June 2001. Born in 1959, Ambassador Massari received a Degree in Political Science from Naples's Istituto Universitario Orientale. Appointed a Fellow at Harvard's Center for International Affairs in 1997, he later received a Master's Degree in International Public Policy from John Hopkins University, Washington in 2001.

Beginning his diplomatic career in 1985, Ambassador Massari served as Head of the Press and Soviet Domestic Policy Section at the Italian Embassy in Moscow from 1986 and 1990 and as Deputy Head of the Economic and Commercial Section of the Italian Embassy in London from 1990 to 1994.

During his assignment in Rome as Chief of Staff of the Deputy Foreign Minister from 1994 to 1996, Ambassador Massari also served as an advisor on Italy's policies towards Europe and international institutions. He was then Deputy Coordinator of EU Affairs in the Economic Directorate, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, from 1996 to 1997.

Sent to Washington in 1998 as the First Political Counselor of the Italian Embassy, Ambassador Massari dealt with U.S. policy towards Western Balkans and former Eastern European countries. Fluent in French, German, Russian and English, Ambassador Massari has written articles and essays on political themes. His book, on political reforms under Gorbachev, "La Grande Svolta: le Riforme Politiche in Unione Sovietica" was published in Italy. He has been frequently invited to deliver speeches at international conferences, institutions and universities in Europe and the United States, particularly on Balkan themes.

Rohinton Medhora,

Vice-President, Programs, IDRC

Rohinton Medhora received his doctorate in economics in 1988 from the University of Toronto, where he also subsequently taught for a number of years. He led the *Micro Impacts of Macroeconomic and Adjustment Policies and Trade, Employment and Competitiveness* initiatives at IDRC, and prior to his appointment as Vice-President was Director of the Social

and Economic Policy program area there. His fields of expertise are monetary and trade policy, and international economic relations. His most recent publications are: (with José Fanelli, editor) *Financial Reform in Developing Countries*, London: Macmillan, 1998, and *Finance and Competitiveness in Developing Countries*, London: Routledge, 2001.

Mitsuyoshi Nishimura

Special Advisor to the Cabinet, Prime Minister's Office, Government of Japan

Mitsuyoshi Nishimura was born August 22, 1940, in Sapporo city Hokkaido, Japan. He studied in the Foreign Studies Department at Sophia University in Japan. He has served as the Special Advisor to the Cabinet, for the Prime Minister's Office of the Government of Japan since 2007. Prior to his current posting, he served as the Ambassador in charge of Global Environment (2002 & 2005), Ambassador to Mexico (2003), Ambassador of Afghan Coordination (2002), Ambassador to the OECD (1999), Director-General, European and Oceanic Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (1997) and Consul-General in Chicago (1994). He is married with two children.

Susan Park

Lecturer, University of Sydney

Susan Park is a Lecturer in International Relations who joined the School of Political and Social Sciences at the University of Sydney in 2008. She specializes in international organizations and global environmental politics. Susan is currently completing a book exploring the diffusion of environmental norms within the World Bank Group for Manchester University Press. Most recently, Susan edited a special edition on the World Bank (October 2007) for the international journal for academics and policy makers *Global Governance*. She has published in the international journals including *International Politics*, the *Journal of International Relations and Development* and *Global Environmental Politics*.

Andrés Rozental

Founding President, Mexican Council on Foreign Relations

Until 2007 Andrés Rozental was the founding President of the Mexican Council on Foreign Relations, (Consejo Mexicano de Asuntos Internacionales), a non-profit "think tank" created in 2001 with the specific objective of providing a responsive institutional framework within which various sectors of Mexican society can contribute to a better understanding of how the global context influences Mexico, as well as what the country's role in the world arena should be. The Council is an autonomous, non-political association, without government ties, that constitutes an open, plural and independent forum for analysis and dialogue in order to provide input into the decision-making process and the shaping of foreign policy.

Andrés Rozental was Mexico's Ambassador to the United Kingdom from 1995 to 1997. He has been a career diplomat for more than 30 years, having served his country as Deputy Foreign Minister (1988-1994), Ambassador to Sweden (1983-88), Permanent Representative of México to the United Nations in Geneva (1982-83), as well as in various responsibilities within the Mexican Foreign Ministry and abroad. Since 1994, he holds the life rank of Eminent Ambassador of México.

Ambassador Rozental obtained his professional degree in International Relations from the Universidad de las Américas in México, and his Masters in International Economics from the University of Pennsylvania. He also did postgraduate studies at the University of Bordeaux in

France. He has been a part-time professor of international relations at the ITAM University and a member of the editorial board of the *Reforma* newspaper. He is the author of four books on Mexican foreign policy and of numerous articles on international affairs. He is a member of the Board of *Foreign Affairs Latinoamérica*. He is a Member of the Inter-American Dialogue and a member of the Board of the Migration Policy Institute in Washington, D.C. In 2007, he was appointed a Governor of Canada's International Development Research Center (IDRC) and as of April 2007 Ambassador Rozental is a Senior Non Resident Fellow at the Brookings Institution in Washington, D.C.

From December 1, 2000 to 31 December, 2001, Andrés Rozental served as Ambassador-at-large and special presidential envoy. On January 1, 2002, he was elected Founding President of the Council for the period 2002-2006. During 2006, he advised President Felipe Calderón on foreign policy during the campaign and transition periods.

Shyam Saran

Special Envoy of the Prime Minister of India

Mr. Shyam Saran was born on 4th September 1946. He belongs to the 1970 batch of the Indian Foreign Service. From 1971 to 1974, he served in Commission of India, Hong Kong as Third Secretary. Thereafter, he was posted to Embassy of India, Beijing, from 1974 to 1977, where he served as Second Secretary and later as First Secretary. Mr. Saran served at the Headquarters of the Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi, as Under Secretary and Deputy Secretary from 1977 to 1979.

During July-November 1979, Mr. Saran participated as Fellow, United Nations' Disarmament Programme in Geneva, Vienna and New York, and thereafter, until June 1983, he served as First Secretary in the Permanent Mission of India, Geneva, as Alternate Representative to the Conference on Disarmament. Subsequently, until September 1986, he was Counsellor and later Charge d' Affaires of the Embassy of India, Beijing. Thereafter, he served as Deputy Chief of Mission in Embassy of India, Tokyo, until August 1989.

Mr. Saran served again at Headquarters, New Delhi, as Joint Secretary heading the Economic Division, the Multi-Economic Relations Division, and the East Asia Division of the Ministry of External Affairs. Thereafter, he served as Joint Secretary in the Prime Minister's Office, New Delhi, until December 1992, looking after External Affairs, Defense and Atomic Energy.

In 1992, Mr. Saran was appointed as High Commissioner of India to Mauritius where he worked until April 1997. After Mauritius, he served as Ambassador of India to Myanmar from April 1997 to July 2001. He has served as Ambassador of India to Indonesia from August 2001 to October 2002 and Nepal from November 2002 to July 2004. Mr. Saran served as Foreign Secretary from August 2004 to September 2006.

Since October 2006, Mr. Saran has been appointed as Special Envoy of Prime Minister on Indo-US Nuclear Deal. Mr. Saran holds a Post Graduate degree in Economics. His mother tongue is Hindi and apart from English, he knows Chinese and French. He is married and has one son and a daughter.

Elizabeth Sidiropoulos

National Director, South African Institute of International Affairs

Ms Sidiropoulos's research interests include South Africa's foreign policy, democratization and development in Africa and political and economic developments in Southern Africa, especially Zimbabwe. Other areas of research focus include the Middle East, the Balkans and nationalism and ethnicity.

Inaugurated on 20 October 2005, Ms Sidiropoulos gave a speech that focused on [taking Africa seriously](#). She holds an MA in International Relations (cum laude) from the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg. Prior to her current appointment she held the position of director of studies at the institute and before that she was the Research Director at the South African Institute of Race Relations, and editor of the South Africa Survey (previously Race Relations Survey), an annual publication documenting political, constitutional and socio-economic developments in South Africa. She is the editor of the South African Journal of International Affairs and also edits the South African Yearbook of International Affairs. She has co-edited or edited a number of publications, including *New Tools for Reform and Stability and A Continent Apart: Kosovo, Africa and Humanitarian Intervention* and *Apartheid Past, Renaissance Future: South Africa's Foreign Policy 1994-2004*. Ms Sidiropoulos' [Global and African Best Practice](#) project is complete, and she now heads the [EU and Africa](#) project.

Gordon Smith

Director, Centre for Global Studies, University of Victoria

Gordon Smith is the Executive Director of the Centre for Global Studies, and Adjunct Professor of Political Science at the University of Victoria. Dr. Smith arrived at the University of Victoria in 1997 following a distinguished career in the Canadian Government and in particular with the Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs, which included posts as Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs from 1994-1997, Ambassador to the European Union in Brussels from 1991-1994, and Ambassador to the Canadian Delegation to NATO from 1985-1990. He is the author (with Moisés Naím) of *Altered States: Globalization, Sovereignty, and Governance* (Ottawa: IDRC, 2000), co-editor (with Daniel Wolfish) of *Who is Afraid of the State? Canada in a World of Multiple Centres of Power* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2001), co-editor (with Harold Coward) of *Religion and Peacebuilding*, as well as numerous book chapters and articles, and an editor for *Global Governance* journal. He currently holds positions as Chair of the Board of the Canadian Institute for Climate Studies, Visiting Professor at the Diplomatic Academy of the University of Westminster (London and Paris), Member of the Advisory Committee for the Conflict Analysis and Management Program at Royal Roads University and Associate Faculty, and Member of the Canadian Group of the Trilateral Commission. He holds a Ph.D. in Political Science from M.I.T.

Diana Tussie

General Coordinator International Relations, FLASCO

Diana Tussie heads the Department of International Relations at FLACSO/Argentina and directs the Latin American Trade Network (LATN). Her recent books include *The Politics of Trade : Research and Knowledge in Trade Negotiations*; *Trade Negotiations in Latin America: Problems and Prospects*; *El ALCA y las Cumbres de las Américas: ¿Una nueva relación público-privada?* (with M. Botto). She has served as junior secretary for trade negotiations.

Erich Vogt***Senior Multilateral Policy Advisor, IUCN - The World Conservation Union***

Erich Vogt manages IUCN's multilateral policy work from the Union's Washington D.C. office. In addition to his responsibilities at IUCN, he is a lecturer at the Environmental Design and Rural Development Department at the Ontario-based University of Guelph. Erich was a Senior Consultant at the Creative Associates International/CAII in Washington, D.C. and Networked Intelligence for Development/NIDI in Toronto. He designed with a team of development practitioners and research associates media and communication strategies and programs for NGOs and multilateral and bilateral development agencies. He conducted cutting-edge research on the development of cultural industries (radio, television, film, music, multimedia, ICTs) in developing and transition countries at both institutions.

Erich was also a Team leader at the World Bank's External Relations Department, where he worked closely with the World Bank's president James Wolfensohn; Managing Editor and Lead Information Officer of the World Bank-incubated Development Gateway Portal; and the head of the German Friedrich-Ebert Foundation's UN liaison office in Geneva and Bonn.

Erich holds a Ph.D. in Political Economics from the Free University of Berlin and an M.A. in Political Science from Indiana University. He was a professional journalism fellow at Stanford University and a member of the German National Swim team (many years ago). He has two daughters.

Clint Abbott***Balsillie Fellow, CIGI***

Clint Abbott recently joined the Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI), an international think tank based in Waterloo, Ontario, and is focusing on the newly established theme of International Law, Institutions and Diplomacy. Concurrently, Clint also holds a Balsillie Fellowship and is pursuing his PhD in Global Governance in the joint University of Waterloo/Wilfrid Laurier University program. Clint is a Non-Resident Research Associate with the Centre for Global Studies (CFGS) at the University of Victoria, where he was based from 2001 to 2007 and held the position of Assistant Director, Globalization and Governance. He also continues to serve as a Business Consultant for the Pacific Climate Impacts Consortium. Primary research interests include multilateral governance issues, with a specific focus on institutions, mechanisms and architectures and the examination of the efficacy of summitry as a networked governance method, including the reform of the G8 in terms of representation, legitimacy and process. Past research projects include Low-carbon Energy Futures, Iraqi Marshlands Governance, The Global Knowledge and Development Project (in conjunction with FORO Nacional/Internacional in Peru), Effective Strategies to Realize NEPAD, and Enhancing Accountability in the International Monetary Fund (IMF). Clint has a BSc in Biology and Environmental Studies, a MBA with an international specialization, and subsequently completed a Master's thesis in Geography. His thesis, published in 2004, focused on energy poverty in Senegal and was a central part of a CIDA-funded project that collaborated with the international research NGO, Environnement et Developpement du Tiers Monde (ENDA -TM).

Nicole Bates-Eamer***Research Assistant, Centre for Global Studies***

Nicole Bates-Eamer is the Research Assistant for the Global Governance project at the Centre for Global Studies. Her research focuses on G8 summit reform and issues within global

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